

Recommendations and Problems

Monthly Reports for October 1960

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

Because the special Atlas project took priority over other commitments, it was necessary to delay other scheduled projects of high priority. This disruption will result in the Division not being able to meet some commitments in the immediate future.

MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

A backlog is developing at Vital Storage, owing to the combination of a shortage of personnel and a continuously heavy workload in the Collection Section. of D/GL.

GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

The Division is facing the probability that not all of the NIS commitments for the present and following fiscal years can be met. One of the two vacancies in GG/C may be filled by the end of November, but the chance of having a full complement in the foreseeable future is slim.

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MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA BRANCH

As the month ended, [redacted] contacted [redacted] for help on the tribes of the Congo. [redacted] has two weeks in which to produce a report for SAC and CINCLANT but does not have time for research. He wants finished intelligence from which he can make a table or write a summary. Since there is almost no finished intelligence on his subject he will talk with State/INR and then, if necessary, will use despatch material in GG/N to complete his report.

FAR EAST/PACIFIC BRANCH

[redacted] reports, based on his attendance at the most recent IOC, that the role of geographic intelligence research in CIA as represented by the work of D/GG is presently receiving little or no attention in the lectures presented at IOC. Since GRA formerly was the subject of a full hour lecture at each IOC, and since the present ORR lecture is limited almost completely to economic intelligence, the present state of affairs appears to constitute a "great leap backward" for the dissemination of information concerning the existence, mission and functions, and capabilities of D/GG. This matter has been reported to Chief, D/GG, and to GG/C.

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